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For : SIZE SEPARATION OF ANALYTES USING MONOMERIC SURFACTANTS

Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule 1.322.

Respecting the alleged error(s) in column 22, lines 15, 20 and 23, after thorough inspection of the application, it is revealed that the lines are correctly printed in accordance with the record. The record correctly lists the claims as they were re-numbered by the examiner, being that amended 15 - is now 16; amended 16 - is now 17, and amended 17 - is now 15. The examiner correctly and appropriately re-numbered the claims and their dependency. Accordingly, respecting the alleged error in the numbering of the claims, inspection of the patent application reveals that the numbering of the claims in the printed patent is in accordance with the renumbering of dependent claims by the examiner as described in M.P.E.P. 608.01(n). Therefore, no correction is in order here under the provisions of Rule 1.322 or 1.323.

In view of the foregoing, your request in this matter is hereby denied.

A certificate will issue for the remaining error(s) in your request.

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